

DAVE DURENBERGER, MINNESOTA, CHAIRMAN
PATRICK J. LEAHY, VERMONT, VICE CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM V. ROTH, JR., DELAWARE
WILLIAM S. COHEN, MAINE
ORRIN HATCH, UTAH
FRANK MURKOWSKI, ALASKA
ARLEN SPECTER, PENNSYLVANIA
CHIC HECHT, NEVADA
MITCH MCCONNELL, KENTUCKY
LLOYD BENTSEN, TEXAS
SAM NUNN, GEORGIA
THOMAS F. EAGLETON, MISSOURI
ERNEST F. HOLLINGS, SOUTH CAROLINA
DAVID L. BOREN, OKLAHOMA
BILL BRADLEY, NEW JERSEY

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Index - Registry
1805X

ROBERT DOLE, KANSAS, EX OFFICIO
ROBERT C. BYRD, WEST VIRGINIA, EX OFFICIO

BERNARD F. McMAHON, STAFF DIRECTOR
ERIC D. NEWSOM, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR

OCA FILE SSC1
RECPT # _____

Dear Bill,

I keep trying
to do my best!

We are on
an important budget
track together -

and, I trust, successfully.

Paul

MAR 1986

Covert C.I.A. Operations Are Not 'Illegitimate'

To the Editor:

Prof. Herbert C. Kelman's blithe assertion ("When Scholars Work With the C.I.A.," Op-Ed March 5) that C.I.A. activities "run the gamut from legitimate political analyses . . . to clearly illegitimate covert operations" must not be allowed to go unchallenged.

Professor Kelman's reference appears to be to covert action operations (more properly "special activities") which are in fact undertaken pursuant to Presidential findings required by statute and executive order (22 U.S.C. 2422 and section 3.1 of Executive Order 12333), and which are

notified to the Legislative Branch under the Congressional oversight provisions in title V of the National Security Act (50 U.S.C. 413). The Congress, moreover, annually authorizes and appropriates funds for our nation's intelligence activities, including special activities.

Everyone is entitled to oppose any or all intelligence activities. The fact that Professor Kelman may not like certain kinds of operations does not, however, make them illegitimate.

DAVE DURENBERGER
Chairman, Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence
Washington, March 11, 1986



**The New York Times
Company**

229 West 43d St., N.Y. 10036

ARTHUR OCHS SULZBERGER, *Chairman*
SYDNEY GRUBIN, *Vice Chairman*
WALTER MATTHEW, *President*
DAVID L. GORHAM, *Senior Vice President*
BENJAMIN HANDELMAN, *Senior Vice President*
MICHAEL E. RYAN, *Senior Vice President*
GUY T. GARRETT, *Vice President*
SOLOMON B. WATSON IV, *Secretary*
DENISE K. FLETCHER, *Treasurer*

Operating Groups

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, *Senior Vice President*
JOHN D. POMFRET, *Senior Vice President*
JOHN R. HARRISON, *Vice President*
WILLIAM T. KERR, *Vice President*
DAVID K. MACDONALD, *Vice President*